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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR ETRD RH ZA
SUBJ: RHODESIA OIL SANCTIONS

REF: (A) LUSAKA 0786, (B) STATE 70291

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES INFO CONTAINED REFTEL A AND
WILL EXERCISE CAUTION IN RAISING ANY EXPECTATIONS BY GRZ
ABOUT POSSIBLE CONCLUSIONS OF TREASURY REPORT.

2. AS SUBJECT OF OIL SANCTIONS VIOLATIONS BOUND TO
COME UP REPEATEDLY IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GRZ (REFTEL B)
EMBASSY WOULD FIND ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFO ON THIS
SUBJECT USEFUL. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT A CHURCH GROUP (WORLD
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES?) PREPARED A REPORT ON THE SUBJECT AND
ALSO THAT SENATE HEARINGS MAY HAVE BEEN HELD. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
ANY AVAILABLE DETAILS SUCH AS A SUMMARY OF THE CHURCH GROUP
REPORT, WHICH SENATE COMMITTEE HELD HEARINGS AND WHEN, AND
ANY REPORT ON THEIR FINDINGS OR RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL AS
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PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED.

3. EVEN IN THE EVENT THAT TREASURY INVESTIGATION IS
INCONCLUSIVE AS REFTEL A SUGGESTS IS POSSIBLE, EMBASSY ASSUMES
FURTHER CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN THE MATTER BY USG. IN
ANTICIPATION OF FOREIGN SECY OWEN VISIT TO AFRICA LATER THIS
MONTH AND PROBABILITY THAT OIL SANCTIONS VIOLATIONS WILL BE

ZAMBIAN HIGH PRIORITY DISCUSSION ITEM, UNDERSTAND BRITISH MAY BE CONSIDERING HOW TO TREAT A PROPOSAL FOR A "VOLUNTARY" LIMITATION OF OIL SUPPLIES TO SOUTH AFRICA BY INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES BASED ON BEST ESTIMATE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERNAL CONSUMPTION. THE GRZ HAS SUGGESTED THIS AS ONE WAY OF CURBING THE VIOLATIONS THEY CLAIM EXIST. THE DIFFICULTIES IN DETERMINING SOUTH AFRICA'S NEEDS, THE PROBLEMS OF MONITORING INDUSTRY WIDE OIL SUPPLIES TO SOUTH AFRICA AND THE QUESTIONS AS TO HOW GOVTS PERSUADE THEIR NATIONAL OIL COMPANIES TO AGREE TO SUCH A PROGRAM ARE OBVIOUS.

4. WE UNDERSTAND ALSO THAT THE BRITISH WILL CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO POSSIBLE OIL SANCTIONS VIOLATIONS BY SHELL/BP. REGARDLESS OF THE PROGRESS OR OUTCOME OF THIS INVESTIGATION, IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INCREASE PRESSURE ON THE US TO TAKE SOME ADDITIONAL INITIATIVE WITH RESPECT TO THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS BY US COMPANIES.

5. DEPT IS UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE OF PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS OF ACTION IN THIS AREA UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY. THE ISSUES INVOLVED ARE COMPLEX. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND THEM AND ARE CERTAIN THE ZAMBIANS DON'T. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO HAVE A FULLER DISCUSSION OF THEM FOR BACKGROUND PURPOSES.

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